Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment to the Claims, claims 30-59 are pending in the application, of which claims 30, 48, and 54 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-29 are sought to be cancelled and claims 30-59 are sought to be added. No new matter is embraced by this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above Amendment and the remarks set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections.

Claim Objections

The Examiner, on page 2 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 4, 17, and 23. Specifically, the Examiner states that claim 4 contains a limitation of "a reduction of non-speech audio components" that lacks support in the specification. The Examiner further states that claims 17 and 23 include a limitation of "to recognize communications from the user" that lacks support in the specification. Claims 4, 17, and 23 have been cancelled, rendering the claim objections moot. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner, on page 3 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 1 and 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,510,417 to Woods *et al.* (hereinafter "Woods"). Claims 1 and 7-8 have been cancelled, rendering this claim rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner, on page 4 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 2 and 4 under

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,510,417 to Woods *et al.*

(hereinafter "Woods") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,601 to Brown *et al.* (hereinafter

"Brown"). Applicant has cancelled claims 2 and 4, rendering this rejection moot.

Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner, on page 5 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 3, 5-6, 9-12,

and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No.

6,510,417 to Woods *et al.* (hereinafter "Woods") in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub.

No. US 2002/0035474A1 to Alpdemir. Claims 3, 5-6, 9-12, and 24-26 have been

cancelled, rendering this rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that this

rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner, on page 9 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 13, 15-23, and

27-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,510,417 to

Woods *et al.* (hereinafter "Woods") in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. US

2002/0035474 to Alpdemir and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,601 to Brown *et*

al. (hereinafter "Brown"). Claims 13, 15-23, and 27-29 have been cancelled, rendering

this rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner, on page 12 of the Office Action, has rejected claim 14 under 35

U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,510,417 to Woods *et al.*

(hereinafter "Woods") in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. US 2002/0035474 to

Alpdemir in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,601 to Brown *et al.* (hereinafter "Brown") and

further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,324,499 to Lewis *et al.* (hereinafter "Lewis). Claim

14 has been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 30-59 have been added. With regard to independent claim 30, neither Woods nor Brown nor Alpdemir nor Lewis, separately or in combination, teach at least the following elements of Applicant's claimed invention:

> a top database table, wherein the top database table is generated from the database, wherein items in the top database table are assigned a priority level based upon the user-specific contextual information;
> wherein content is communicated to the user ... when the system intelligently chooses to present information to the user based on the priority level assigned to information in the top database table.

Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claim 30 and the claims that depend therefrom (claims 31-47) are patentable over the cited references. With regards to independent claims 48 and 54, neither Woods nor Brown nor Alpdemir nor Lewis, separately or in combination, teach at least the following element of Applicant's claimed invention: proactively presenting to the user items from a top database table assigned a high enough priority to require urgent attention from the user if any of the items need urgent attention. Thus, for at least these reasons, independent claims 48 and 54, and the claims that depend therefrom (claims 49-53 and 55-59, respectively), are patentable over the cited references.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

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